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SUBJECT: ARAB MARITIME PETROLEUM COMPANY (AMPTC) REQUEST  
FOR REFUND OF SPECIAL TONNAGE TAXES PAID

REF: KUWAIT 2508

1. APPROVAL OF QATAR REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM SPECIAL  
TONNAGE TAXES AND LIGHT MONEY HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY  
APPROPRIATE OFFICE IN CUSTOMS AND FORWARDED FOR FINAL  
APPROVAL BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY. DEPARTMENT  
HAS URGED CUSTOMS AND TREASURY TO EXPEDITE APPROVAL AND  
WILL INFORM ADDRESSEE POSTS AS SOON AS WE HAVE WORD OF  
APPROVAL. ONCE APPROVAL GRANTED, CUSTOMS WILL TELEGRAPH  
REGIONAL OFFICES WITHOUT WAITING FOR FORMAL ENTRY OF  
QATAR IN OFFICIAL LIST.

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2. REGARDING PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR REFUND OF  
SPECIAL TAXES ALREADY PAID, THERE ARE NO FORMS TO BE  
FILLED OUT AND APPLICATION SHOULD BE MADE BY LETTER.  
PROCEDURE IS SPELLED OUT IN DETAIL IN 19 CFR 4.24.  
DEPARTMENT HAS POUCHED FULL TEXT OF 19 CFR 4.24 TO KUWAIT,  
DOHA, AND ABU DHABI. IN INTERIM, FOLLOWING EXCERPTS  
FROM 19 CFR 4.24 MAY BE HELPFUL:

QUOTE EACH APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF REGULAR OR SPECIAL TONNAGE TAX OR LIGHT MONEY PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE CUSTOMS OFFICER TO WHOM PAYMENT WAS MADE ... THE APPLICATION SHALL BE A DIRECT REQUEST FOR THE REFUND OF A DEFINITE SUM, SHOWING CONCISELY THE REASONS THEREFOR, THE NATIONALITY AND NAME OF THE VESSEL, AND THE DATE, PLACE AND AMOUNT OF EACH PAYMENT FOR WHICH REFUND IS REQUESTED. THE APPLICATION SHALL BE MADE WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF THE PAYMENT. UNQUOTE.

3. AMPTC WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO ENLIST SERVICES OF THEIR U.S. AGENTS, WHO SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH ABOVE PROCEDURES, IN APPLYING FOR REFUNDS. ALTHOUGH FINAL APPROVAL OF QATAR EXEMPTION NOT YET GRANTED, IT IS NEVERTHELESS RECOMMENDED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR REFUND BE FILED NOW.

4. UNLESS AMPTC HAS SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE THAT ORIGINAL PAYMENTS WERE MADE TO OTHER CUSTOMS SERVICE OFFICES, WE RECOMMEND THAT APPLICATIONS BE MADE TO FOLLOWING CUSTOMS FIELD OFFICES:

A) FOR CALLS AT NEDERLAND, TEXAS:

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS  
CUSTOMS HOUSE  
5TH AND AUSTIN AVENUE  
POST OFFICE BOX 1029  
PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS 77640

B) FOR CALLS AT NEW ORLEANS:

DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS  
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE  
600 SOUTH STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130

C) FOR CALLS AT CORPUS CHRISTI:

PORT DIRECTOR  
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE  
OIL INDUSTRIAL BUILDING  
723 UPPER BROADWAY  
POST OFFICE BOX 1027  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 70403 VANCE

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